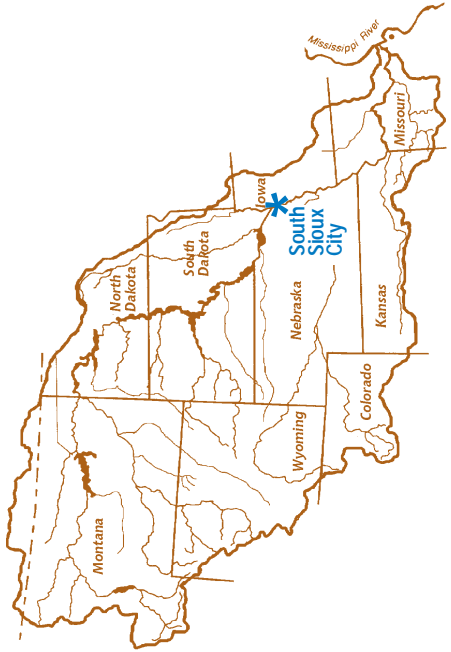


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*April 21-24, 2002
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*Missouri River Science
Meeting the Challenge of Change*

6TH ANNUAL MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE



The Missouri River Natural Resources Conference is the only annual basinwide conference available to all basin residents. It provides a broad perspective on Missouri River issues and serves as a forum for researchers, resource managers, citizens, and policymakers. The conference is an opportunity for people to learn about the river's environmental condition and share points of view on river management.

PREVIOUS CONFERENCES



Conference Schedule

Sunday, April 21

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Niobrara Field Trip (meet in Marina Inn lobby at 8:30 a.m.)
- Noon - 7:00 p.m. Registration
- Poster and exhibit set-up
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Social - Marina Inn Terrace overlooking the Missouri River
- 6:00 p.m. Musical performance by Dave Para and Cathy Barton

Monday, April 22

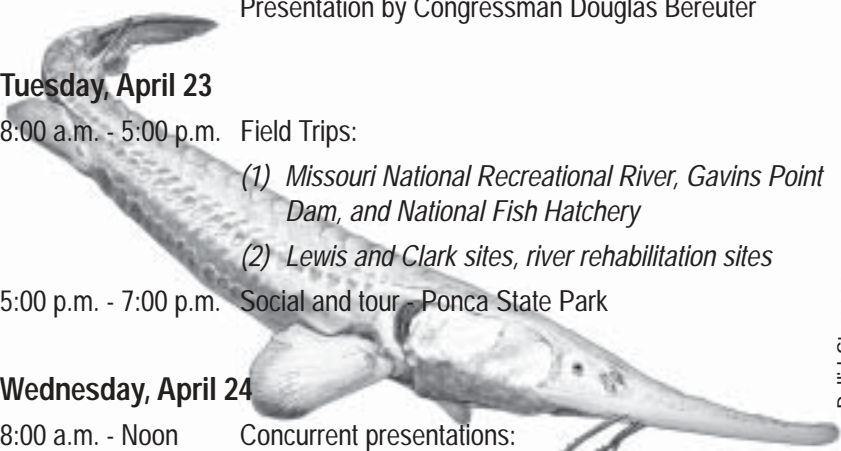
- 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Posters and exhibits display (through Wednesday)
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Presentations: *Plenary*
- 10:40 a.m. - Noon Presentations: *Habitat Rehabilitation*
- Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch - Marina Inn
- 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Presentations:
 - (1) *Endangered Species*
 - (2) *Hydrology • Geomorphology • Water Quality*
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Social with poster and exhibit session
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Banquet - Marina Inn
- Presentation by Congressman Douglas Bereuter

Tuesday, April 23

- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Field Trips:
 - (1) *Missouri National Recreational River, Gavins Point Dam, and National Fish Hatchery*
 - (2) *Lewis and Clark sites, river rehabilitation sites*
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Social and tour - Ponca State Park

Wednesday, April 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Noon Concurrent presentations:
 - (1) *Biological Resource Trends • Habitat Relationships*
 - (2) *Geographic Information System (GIS) • Land Use • Recreational Use*



Pallid Sturgeon
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Sunday, April 21

Niobrara Field Trip \$25 extra (includes lunch) - requires registration (page 17)

Lunch is at the Two Rivers
Steakhouse in Niobrara.

Niobrara, Nebraska is located at the confluence of the Missouri and Niobrara Rivers at the western end of Lewis and Clark Lake. The Niobrara River contributes vast amounts of sediment to the headwaters of the lake.

On the tour, presentations will be made by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the Lewis and Clark South Dakota-Nebraska Preservation Association to explain the sediment issue and share information about the long-term effects to the lake and the local communities.

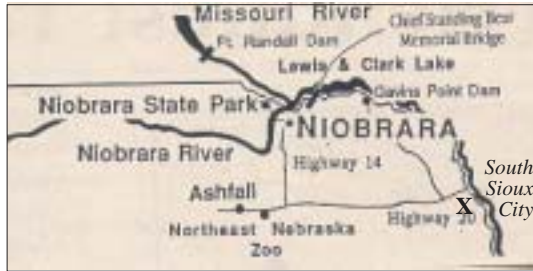
A visit to the beautiful Niobrara State Park provides a spectacular view of the confluence. An original Lewis and Clark site is visible from the park's Kramer Interpretive Center.



Chief Standing Bear Memorial Bridge was completed in 1998 connecting Niobrara to Running Water, South Dakota. It is named for the Ponca Tribe chieftan who successfully fought for Indian civil rights in an 1879 federal lawsuit.

All photos this page by USGS.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



A delta has formed at the headwaters of Lewis and Clark Lake from Niobrara River sediment.



The railroad bridge at the mouth of the Niobrara River used to be 20 feet above the river before sediment buildup; now it is used as a walking bridge.

Registration begins - Marina Inn
Poster and exhibit set-up

Noon - 7:00 pm

Welcoming Social

Marina Inn Terrace overlooking the Missouri River



Enjoy meeting old and new friends while viewing the Mighty MO and listening to old time river songs. Appetizers and cash bar available.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Musical Performance

Dave Para and Cathy Barton



For 25 years, Dave Para and Cathy Barton have created dynamic performances acclaimed for variety and expertise in vocal and instrumental music. Interpreters of traditional music, the duo scours the backroads to learn from a wide variety of grassroots artists. For much of their career, Cathy and Dave have been fascinated with the folklore, legends, and music of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Many of their selections for the social will be from their newest CD, *Living on the River*, an album dedicated to the rivers of America. The couple lives in Boonville, a Missouri River town in mid-Missouri. They play the hammered and fretted dulcimers, banjo, guitar and autoharp, as well as "found" instruments like bones, spoons, mouthbow and leaf.



Thomas Hart Benton painting from Para and Barton's *Living on the River* CD cover.

(Life on the Mississippi, Mark Twain, Limited Editions club, 1944).

WEB PAGE
www.bartonpara.com

Monday, April 22

Registration

Posters and Exhibits Displayed

Morning Sessions

Lunch - Marina Inn

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

8:00 am - Noon

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Presentations: *Plenary*

Welcome.

Gene Zuerlein, Conference Chairman, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln, NE

Managing River Flows for Ecological Integrity.

Brian Richter, Director, The Nature Conservancy Freshwater Initiative, Charlottesville VA, will describe advances in ecologically sustainable water management through adaptive management. He will highlight tools and methods that are being applied to key scientific challenges. <http://www.freshwater.org/>



Brian
Richter

Adaptive Management:

Working the Water Management Conundrum

Steve Light, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Minneapolis MN. Dr. Light is a member of the National Research Council's committee on Missouri River Ecosystem Science that just published the report, *The Missouri River Ecosystem: Exploring the Prospects for Recovery*. <http://www.iatp.org/>



Steve
Light

How Should We Proceed to Manage River Flows for Biodiversity?

David Galat, Associate Professor of River Ecology, USGS Cooperative Research Unit, University of Missouri, Columbia MO.

Managing river flows for biodiversity is an emerging discipline within restoration ecology. Dr. Galat reviews six steps to help accomplish flow restoration projects.



David
Galat

Presentations: *Habitat Rehabilitation*

The Distribution of Conservation Lands on the Missouri River Valley Bottom, Sioux City, Iowa to St. Louis, Missouri.

Mark S. Lastrup, U.S. Geological Survey, Columbia MO

Mitigation Project Performance, Missouri River in Iowa and Nebraska.

John Remus, II, P.E., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha NE

Iowa's Approach to Missouri River Mitigation Project Development.

Ed Weiner, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Onawa IA

Comparative Habitat Evaluations in Side-channel Chute Rehabilitation Projects, Lower Missouri River.

Robert Jacobson, U.S. Geological Survey, Columbia MO

Exhibitors

American Rivers

Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI)

Hydrolab

Marine Sonic Technology

Missouri River Institute, South Dakota

Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition

National Park Service

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District

Sierra Club, Living Rivers Group

South Dakota State University

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Geological Survey

University of Missouri, Outreach and Extension

University of Nebraska

University of South Dakota

Winnebago Tribe

Monday, April 22

Concurrent Sessions 1:30 pm - 5:00 p.m

Session 1

Endangered Species

Pallid Sturgeon: What We've Learned in the Last Decade.
Steve Krentz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bismarck ND

**The Corps of Engineers and the Biological Opinion:
New Opportunities for Pallid Sturgeon Recovery.**
Mark Drobish, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Yankton SD

**Pallid and Shovelnose Sturgeon in the Lower Missouri and
Middle Mississippi Rivers.**
Joanne Grady, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Columbia MO

**Pallid Sturgeon Propagation at the Gavins Point
National Fish Hatchery.**
Herb Bollig, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yankton SD

Home Work, Fisherman Trains and B.F. Shaw.
Capt. William (Bill) Beacom, Sioux City IA

**Habitat Use and Movement of Juvenile Pallid Sturgeon
in the Missouri River.**
Wayne Stancill, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pierre SD

**Least Tern and Piping Plover Response to the
1997 Flood Event on the Missouri River.**
Gregory Pavelka, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Yankton SD

Emergent Sandbar Habitat Trends below Gavins Point Dam.
Bruce A. Vander Lee, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Yankton SD

**Least Tern and Piping Plover Captive Rearing Program:
A Review and Update.**
Rosemary Vander Lee, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Yankton SD

Poster and Exhibit Session

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Appetizers with cash bar and time to talk to presenters

EARTH DAY

Session 2

Hydrology • Geomorphology • Water Quality

Effects of Woody Corridors on Levee Damage in Flood of 1993.
Stephen Allen, University of Missouri, Columbia MO

**Long-Term Stage Trends on the Lower Missouri River Based
on an Empirical Hydrologic Analysis.**
Reuben Heine, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL

**Determination of the Natural Flow Regime of the Missouri
River Below Gavins Point Dam.**
Roger Kay, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha NE

**Use of Stream-Gage Information to Assess Changes in
River-Channel Morphology.**
Kyle E. Juracek, U.S. Geological Survey, Lawrence KS

**Hydrological Effects of a Constructed Chute on Wetland Stage
and Ground-water Levels in the Missouri River.**
Brian P. Kelly, U.S. Geological Survey, Independence MO

**A Whole-lake Water Quality Survey of Lake Oahe based
on a Spatially-balanced Probabilistic Design.**
David W. Bolgrien, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Duluth MN

Bad River Phase II Water Quality Project — A Success Story.
Jerry Thelen, Stanley County Conservation District, Fort Pierre SD

Reservoir Sedimentation - A Time for Action.
Howard Paul, Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, Wagner SD

Interstate Water Quality - TMDL Concerns.
Sharon Clifford, Missouri Department of Natural Resources,
Jefferson City MO

Banquet

7:00 p.m.

Presentation by Congressman Bereuter

Congressman Douglas Bereuter, an advocate for the Missouri River, introduced H.R. 3570 to Congress on Dec. 20, 2001. The bill proposes to monitor the health of the Missouri River and measure biological, chemical, and physical responses to changes in river management and other significant variables.
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:h.r.03570>:

Tuesday, April 23

Field Trips 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Field Trip #1

(1) Missouri National Recreational River

A boat trip on the Missouri National Recreational River will show the few remaining semi-natural, dynamic reaches of the river. Though not numerous, pallid sturgeon are still reported by anglers in the reach where there are sandbars, multiple channels, islands, eroding banklines and snags. Still, most of the backwaters and side channels have been degraded by the loss of sediment trapped in the upstream reservoirs since Gavins Point Dam closed in 1957. High water in the late 90's created higher elevation sandbars providing nesting habitat for least terns and piping plovers.

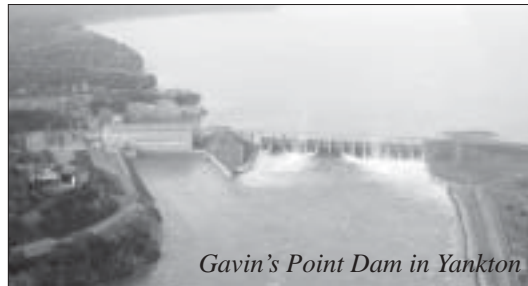
(2) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lewis & Clark Visitor's Center

Gavin's Point Dam at Yankton, SD, is the most southern of the dams on the Missouri River main stem. It is here that the quantity of water released to the lower river is controlled. The dam marks the upstream end of the 59-mile Missouri National Recreational River.

(3) Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery

This Federal hatchery, one of 65 in the country, produces 12-16 species of fish including the endangered pallid sturgeon and the paddlefish, another species of concern.

At 5:00 p.m., the two guided field trips will rendezvous at Ponca State Park for a social and tour of the park. Field Trip #1 is limited to 150 people and will be filled through PRE-REGISTRATION on a first come-first serve basis (see page 17). After the first 150, participants will go on Trip #2.



Gavin's Point Dam in Yankton

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission



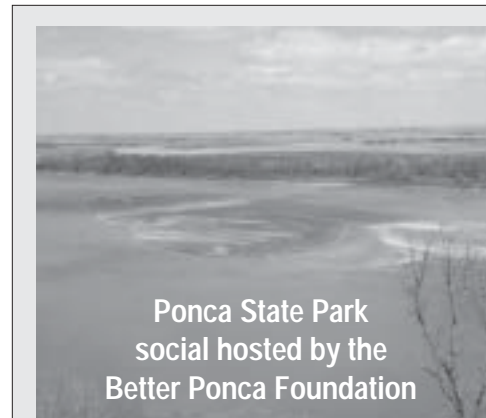
Missouri River at Dakota City

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission



Visitor's Center

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Ponca State Park social hosted by the Better Ponca Foundation

USGS

(10) Ponca State Park Tour and Social 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ponca State Park overlooks the boundary between the channelized and unchannelized river north of Sioux City. Tour the site of the new Missouri National Recreational River Resource and Education Center just north of Ponca.

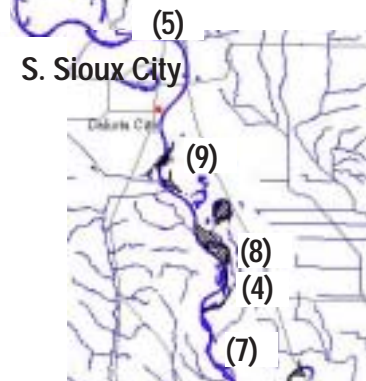
Field Trip #2

(4-6) Lewis and Clark Sites

See L&C State Park at Onawa, IA where there is a restored L&C keelboat; enjoy a visit to the Park's giftshop and bookstore (4); the Sergeant Floyd Monument in Sioux City (5); and Spirit Mound north of Vermillion, SD (6).

(7-9) River Rehabilitation Sites

Tour local Missouri River habitat rehabilitation sites at Louisville Bend (7), Tieville/Decatur/Blackbird Bend (8) and Snyder Bend/Winnebagobend (9). Developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, these sites present an interesting contrast to sites further downstream because of constraints posed by bed degradation in the channel of the river north of Omaha.



Wednesday, April 24

Concurrent Sessions 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Session 1

Biological Resource Trends • Habitat Relationships

Fishes and Habitat of the National Recreational River Segments of the Missouri River in South Dakota.

Charles Berry, Jr, USGS Cooperative Research Unit and South
Dakota State University, Brookings SD

Fish Population Dynamics at Hamburg Bend.

Steve Freeling, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln NE

Fish Community Monitoring at Lisbon Bottom, a Restoration Area on the Lower Missouri River.

Louise Mauldin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Columbia MO

Growth of Benthic Fishes in the Missouri and Lower Yellowstone Rivers.

Clay Pierce, U.S. Geological Survey, Ames IA

Sources of Spatial Variation in Shoreline-associated Large Woody Debris in the Garrison Reach of the Upper Missouri River.

Ted Angradi, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development,
Denver CO

Landscape Structure and Composition in the Garrison Reach of the Upper Missouri River.

E. William Schweiger, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development,
Denver CO

Managing Missouri River Floodplain Habitats in an Altered Landscape.

Dale Humburg, Missouri Department of Conservation, Columbia MO

A Multi-disciplinary Study of Floodplain Wetland Ecology at Lisbon Bottom, Missouri.

Duane Chapman, U.S. Geological Survey, Columbia MO

Purple Loosestrife - Can We Control It?

Stevan Knezevic, University of Nebraska, Concord NE

Session 2

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) • Land Use • Recreational Use

Temporal Changes in Land Use Practices in the Missouri River Watershed, South Dakota.

Ken Higgins, USGS Cooperative Research Unit
and South Dakota State University, Brookings SD

Development of a Decision Support System for the Missouri River – Lessons Learned from the Upper Mississippi River.

Carl Korschgen, U.S. Geological Survey, Columbia MO

Depth Analysis on the Missouri River.

Kevin C. Borisenko, Missouri Department of
Conservation, Jefferson City MO

Using Digital Data Collection and the Internet – A Solution for Data Management.

Bruce A. Vander Lee, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Yankton SD

An Examination of the Physical Environment of the Lower Missouri River.

Bill Little, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Rolla MO

Influence of Katy Trail State Park and Lewis and Clark Activities on Missouri River.

Douglas Eiken, Missouri Department of Natural Resources,
Jefferson City MO

Angling Recreational Use Patterns and Economics on the Missouri River System in South Dakota.

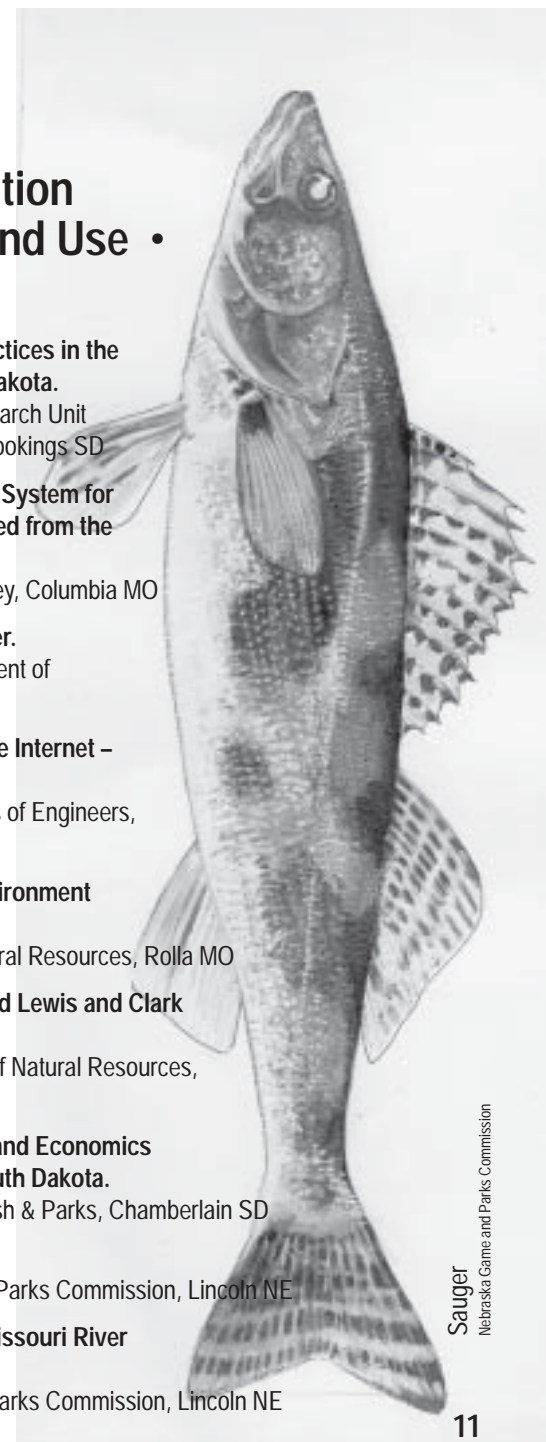
Clifton Stone, South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, Chamberlain SD

Missouri River Creel Survey.

Kirk Steffenson, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln NE

Nebraska and South Dakota 2000 Missouri River Recreational Use Survey.

David Tsoodle, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln NE



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Posters

A Biotic Survey of a Backwater and Bottomland Along the Missouri National Recreational River in Ponca State Park, Nebraska.

Bryan R. Gasper, University of South Dakota, Vermillion SD

A Proposed Framework for Development and Validation of an Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessment Program for the Lower Missouri River.

Barry Poulton, U.S. Geological Survey, Columbia MO

Abundance and Biodiversity of Aerial and Terrestrial Invertebrates in the Benedictine Bottoms.

Summer Jackson, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Aquatic and Wildlife Habitat Restoration on the Missouri River.

Richard Gorton, HDR Engineering Inc, Omaha NE

Bird Biodiversity on the Missouri River Benedictine Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site from 1994-2001.

Jill Hellmer, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Comparisons of Shovelnose Sturgeon and Pallid Sturgeon in the Lower Platte River, Nebraska.

Benjamin D. Swigle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, School of Natural Resource Science, Lincoln NE

Cyprinid and Catostomid Drift in the Lower Platte River, Nebraska.

Cory N. Reade, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, School of Natural Resource Science, Lincoln NE

Deer Population Structure on the Benedictine Bottoms Missouri River Mitigation Site (1994-2002).

Kyle Kellner, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Floristic Studies of Natural Plant Recolonization on the Benedictine Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site.

James Bethany, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

GIS Base Data Resources for the Missouri River in South Dakota

Tim Cowman, South Dakota Geological Survey, Vermillion SD

Impacts of Landscape Change on Environmental Quality in Headwater Areas.

Tony Prato, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia MO

Lewis and Clark's Lower Missouri River Plants on the Benedictine Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site.

Catherine Wiegand, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Missouri National Recreational River: (Almost) 25-years of Corps Involvement.

Becky Latka, U.S. Army Corps Engineers, Omaha NE

Missouri River Basin Consortium.

Tony Prato, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia MO

Population Abundance and Diversity of Small Mammals on the Benedictine Bottoms from 1995-2002.

Jesse Lindquist, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Qualitative Analysis of the Survivorship of Burned Versus Non-burned Corps Planted Trees Found on the Benedictine Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site.

Erin Urban, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Reducing Sedimentation to the Missouri River in South Dakota through Conservation Practices.

Joby Timm, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pierre SD

Reducing the Field Handling Time of Sturgeon.

Kirk Steffenson, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln NE

Reptile and Amphibian Abundance on the Benedictine Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site.

Michael Nations, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Soil Microbial Biodiversity and Abundance on the Benedictine Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site.

Jackqueline M. Bacon, Benedictine College, Atchison KS

Use of Shallow-water Habitat by Larval Fishes in the Lower Missouri River.

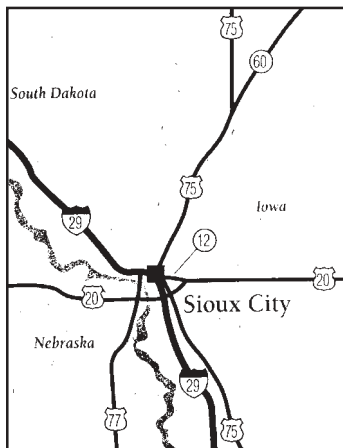
Kerry Reeves, University of Missouri, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Columbia MO

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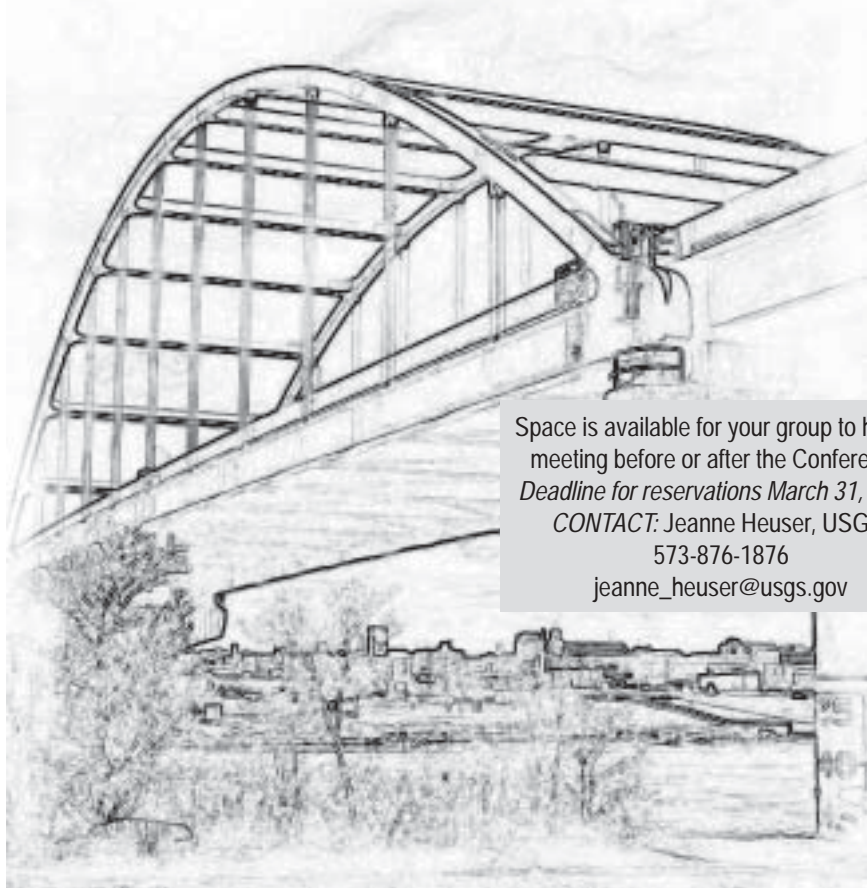
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